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1. A large number of barracks extend for about one kilometer along the right of the Nesebur-Stalin road in the southern outskirts of Stalin. Another large barracks is located in the town limits of Stalin proper. Twelve gun platforms were seen in front of this barracks, six of these had guns (possibly AA guns), while the other six were still under construction.
2. A large factory with two smoke stacks is located 300 meters from the second barracks. A large open-air storage area for steel plates was seen near the factory. Several tanks were observed in this area, which may be a large military supply depot.
3. An iron foundry was being expanded near the harbor and east of the area in paragraph 2.
4. No installations were observed on the shores of Lake Devnya, which were flat, sandy, low, and deserted.
5. Stalin Harbor, which is about twice as large as Burgas Harbor, had no shipping, except a 50-60-meter long escort ship. About 12 cranes, two or three of which were larger than the others and possibly belonged to shipyards, were seen in the southern end of the harbor.
6. Several small coves guarded by naval police were seen along the shore towards Varna (Sveti Konstantin), a resort ten kilometers north of Stalin. These coves are too small to have any strategic value and are probably used by personnel in naval hospitals and rest homes.
7. An oil well, which seemed to be in operation, is located nine kilometers south of Stalin east of the Nesebur-Stalin road. A second oil well about 20 kilometers west of Lake Devnya and four kilometers south of the Stalin-Kolarovgrad road did not seem in operation. A third oil well about six kilometers farther west and two kilometers before Vetrino (N 43-18, E 27-27) seemed in operation, as 20 workers were seen in the area.

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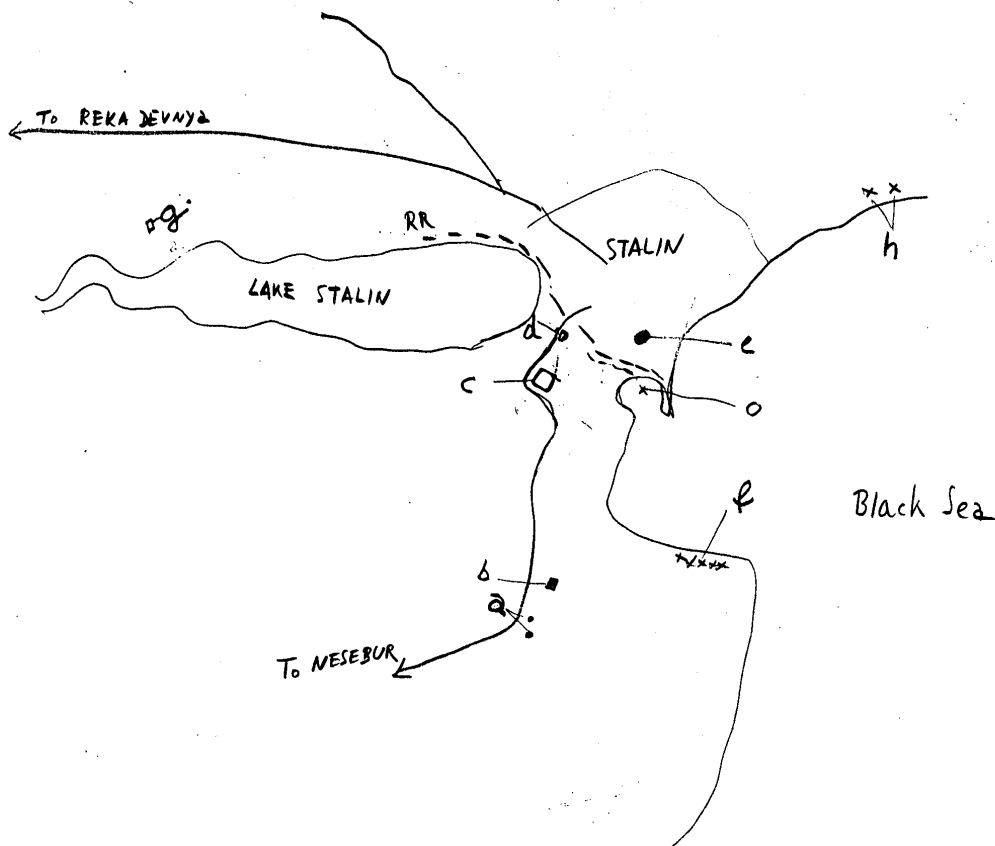
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8. A large factory which processes ore mined in a hill two kilometers north-north-east of the factory is located about one kilometer from the northern shore of Lake Devnya. The ore, which is grey-white, is transported to the factory by an elevated bucket conveyor. Each bucket has a capacity of about 250 kilograms of ore.
9. Two metal radio antenna towers about 75 meters apart are located ten kilometers south of Stalin in a forest, which is about 300 meters east of the Nesebur-Stalin road. The towers are about thirty meters high and are surrounded by trees about 15 meters in height. No ground installations were observed.
10. The following is a legend to installations indicated on the sketches of Stalin and vicinity on pages 2 and 3:
 - a. Radio station
 - b. Oil well
 - c. Barracks
 - d. Militia check point
 - e. Foundry
 - f. Cranes
 - g. Factory
 - h. Naval police sentry posts
 - i. Houses
 - j. Barracks
 - k. AAA
 - l. Area under construction
 - m. Oil storage depot and factory
 - n. Sentry posts
 - o. Escort ship



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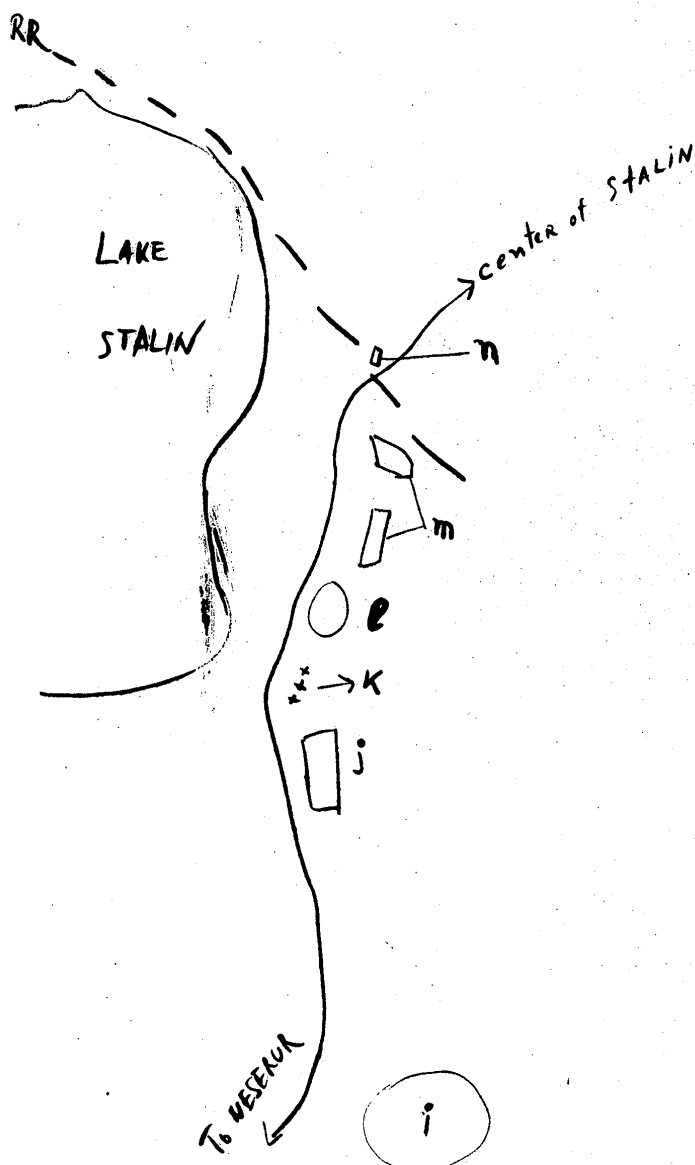
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